

# IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 26th March 2017

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## **Silent Key – Paddy EI8GY**

The death has occurred of Paddy Smyth EI8GY, on Friday 24th March 2017. Paddy was a long time and valued member of the Limerick Radio Club. He will be deeply missed.

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## **IRTS Annual General Meeting 2017**

The 85th IRTS AGM will take place in just two weeks, the weekend of 8/9 April 2017, in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Green Park, Dundalk.

Time is running out and you need to get your dinner tickets now, to avoid disappointment. Contact any IRTS committee member. You may also contact any member of Dundalk Amateur Radio Society. [www.ei7dar.com](http://www.ei7dar.com)

Up to date information is available on [www.irts.ie/agm](http://www.irts.ie/agm)

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## **New Membership Offer - hurry!**

Last year we announced the offer of free IRTS membership for a year to anyone who has been issued with a new EI personal licence since 1st January 2016. This offer expires on Friday next, 31st March, so there are just a few more days to avail of this opportunity to become a member of the national society for free. The "Join Us!" page on the society's web site at [www.irts.ie/join](http://www.irts.ie/join) has the details.

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## **Publications Library**

A few weeks ago we announced the launch of the IRTS Publications Library at [www.irts.ie/library](http://www.irts.ie/library) which includes scanned copies of IRTS publications up to the year 2000. Bill EI9FK has supplied a batch of newsletters from the 1980s, providing lots of additional historical material for the library. We have also included the "IRTS Amateur Radio Yearbook 1986-87": in the pre-web site era, this Yearbook was a key source of information about the society, its activities and affiliated clubs. The big gap

in the library is now the 1970s; Séamus EI8BP or Joe EI7GY would like to hear from anyone with newsletters or other IRTS publications from the missing years.

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### **Lough Erne Rally Sunday 14th May 2017**

The 36th Lough Erne Radio Rally will take place at the SHARE Centre, near Lisnaskea, County Fermanagh BT92 0EQ on Sunday 14th May. Doors open at 11.30am. For more information and to book tables contact Mark EI4HDB QTHR.  
[www.learc.eu](http://www.learc.eu)

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### **AREN news.**

AREN members will shortly conduct test coverage over the Sean Kelly Tour cycling routes and devise a communications plan in support of the medical team for the event. The route comprises part of the new Greenway between Dungarvan and Waterford.

The Galway VHF Group assisted the Kinvara Rock and Road Marathon on the 4th of March using C4FM. This was the first-all digital operation on an AREN supported event. Future operations locally will be DMR or Yaesu Fusion as a result of this trial as it worked well.

On 11th March AREN provided communications support and delivered a workshop in Tralee for Kerry Civil Defence who were hosting regional competitions.

For inquiries about AREN visit [www.aren.ie](http://www.aren.ie) New members always welcome

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### **Wexford Wireless Club**

On Wednesday 29th March John Ronan EI7IG will give a talk about Automatic Packet Reporting System (APRS) and Amateur Radio Emergency Network (AREN) at the club meeting at 8.30pm sharp. All club members or anyone interested is asked to attend.

Wexford Wireless Club hold weekly meetings every Wednesday evening from 8pm to 10pm in Gorey Scout Hall just off Esmonde Street in Gorey, County Wexford, everyone is as always very welcome

For more information about the club please contact the club secretary Michael Fitzgerald EI9GGB at QTHR or by dropping an email to [Wexfordwirelessclub /at/ live.ie](mailto:Wexfordwirelessclub@live.ie)

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## **The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The March meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford tomorrow night Monday 27th March at 8pm. New members or anyone interested in learning more about the group or amateur radio are very welcome to attend.

Anyone wishing to find out more about SEARG are welcome to come along to any of our meetings. You can check our website [www.searg.ie](http://www.searg.ie) and you can also follow join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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## **Limerick Radio Club**

Please note that, due to the Easter holiday period, the regular meeting of Limerick Radio Club will be held on the 1st Thursday in April – which is 6th of April.

Congratulations to Michael Kirwin who has renewed his Amateur radio licence and been issued with the call sign EI3KO. We wish Michael many happy years of operating on the microphone, the key and keyboard.

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## **Tipperary Amateur Radio Group**

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place in The Park Hotel, Clonmel on Tuesday 28th March at 8.30pm.

This meeting is open to all and Short Wave Listeners are most welcome to attend. A number of radio related topics are up for discussion as well as a demonstration of some low cost test equipment and shack accessories.

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## **DX News**

As a result of the recent very successful EI DX Group expedition to Nepal many EI operators have one or more 9N7EI QSOs in their logbooks. For those who missed out there is another activity from Nepal starting 1st April. This time the callsign is 9N1MD which will be operated by Satish 9N1AA to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Mediterraneo DX Club. 9N1MD will be on the air for the month of April. QSLs go via IZ1BVZ.

John AF3K and Ross W2TT will be active as VP5/homecall from the Caicos Islands until 30th March. IOTA reference is NA-002 and QSLs go via W2TT.

IOTA enthusiasts and Prefix collectors should look out for PF38T which will be operated by Hans PA7HPH from 30th March until 9th April. The location will be Texel Island which has the IOTA reference EU-038. A special QSL card will be issued via PA7HPH.

Tim NL8F will reactivate his T2TT callsign from Tuvalu in the Pacific until 13th April. He will be on SSB and JT65 on 80m to 10m. His QSL Manager is N7RO.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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